

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2003.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Rob Stevenson (Chair), Marc Mouton (Vice Chair), Chris Williams, Louis C. Benjamin, Jr., Jerry Trumps

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk), Veronica Williams, (Assistant Clerk), Monica Fontenot (Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Steve Dupuis (City-Parish Attorney), Terry Huval (Utilities)

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(001) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Rob Stevenson called the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority Meeting of February 4, 2003 to order.

EXECUTIVE/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(006) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: President's Report.
No report was given

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(010) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: LUS Director's Report.

Terry Huval, Director of Utilities, gave a brief report regarding upcoming projects in his department. In the past, during seasons of drought, LUS experienced problems with water pressure and had requested property be purchased in order to install a new production facility. In January 2003, the production facility began its service and is located next to the Southpark water tower. He added that another section of the transmission loop, located next to Acadian Village toward Hwy 89, should be completed by the summer. He felt with these improvements, customers should notice improved conditions during normal times as well as dry times.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(072) AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 O-007-2003(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority authorizing the acquisition of certain land for an expansion of the Lafayette Utilities System facilities situated on Walker Road. A motion to approve by Mouton, seconded by Trumps, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: Williams, Benjamin

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was approved.

Huval explained by purchasing the subject property, it would allow LUS to maintain a buffer between the LUS facilities and the adjacent neighborhood. If LUS would not be allowed to purchase the property, the purchase would remain open to other types of businesses who would not take into consideration the residents in the neighborhood and expressed concerns of same. Upon questioning by Trumps, Huval explained the purpose of purchasing the property is not only for the possibility of future generation, but to be used to install additional substation facilities. He felt it a benefit to LCG to purchase the property.

Upon questioning by Williams, Huval reiterated the purpose is to maintain a buffer and not fill it with equipment. If LUS was to construct future generation, it would be located closer to the existing complex. LUS would return to the Council with a recommendation on building power plants and other equipment that would be installed. The main concern is to not create problems with any type of construction. Huval pointed out that if someone else was to purchase the property, the neighborhood would be at the will of the developer, whereas, LUS would be able to ensure the quality of life for the residents.

After extensive discussion, Benjamin offered a motion, seconded by Williams *to defer the ordinance until proper notice is given to the surrounding residents* and the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Williams, Benjamin
NAYS: Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
Motion to defer was defeated.

Trumps offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mouton *to acquire all tracts of land identified except the Royal Town, Inc. tract.* After further discussion, Trumps withdrew the substitute motion.

Williams expressed his concerns with acquiring the property without input from the residents. Huval commented LUS felt it would be in the best interest of the residents to acquire the property since it was available. Benjamin concurred with Williams’ comments.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE B)(001)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Comments from the public on other matters.
No speakers

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the LPUA, Chair Stevenson declared the Regular LPUA meeting adjourned.

Norma A. Dugas
Clerk of the Council